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DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, AND PLATING MACHINES
WITH DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR PLATING
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 4, please delete the section entitled "Related Applications" and insert the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/717,927, filed November 20, 2000; which is a continuation-in-part of International